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Two Men Sentenced to Prison Terms for 2008 Shooting - Shots Took Place on Busy Street, Wounding One -

WASHINGTON - Jacob Herring, 21, and Reyshawn Jackson, 19, both of Washington, D.C., have been sentenced to prison terms for their roles in a shooting that took place in September 2008 in Southwest Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Both men were convicted by a jury in July 2010 of two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, two counts of possession of a firearm during a crime of violence, felony assault, unlawful possession of ammunition, threats and obstruction of justice. They were sentenced January 19, 2011 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Judge Ann O'Regan Keary sentenced Herring to 14 ½ years in prison and Jackson to 16 ½ years in prison. They will be on supervised release for three years upon completion of the sentences.

The government's evidence at trial established that, on the night of September 19, 2008, two men drove to the 1200 block of Half Street SW to buy a quarter of a kilogram of cocaine from the defendants. The men became suspicious about the defendants' actions and chose to withdraw from the drug deal.

As they were leaving, Herring instructed Jackson to "lay them down" or "bust them all." Upon hearing the order, Jackson pulled out a semi-automatic weapon and started shooting down Half Street SW at the fleeing victims, one of whom was struck by a bullet but managed to get to safety. Many people were outside that night who could have been struck by the barrage of bullets.

During the investigation of this case, on March 18, 2009, Herring and Jackson went to the home of a prospective witness. They threatened and tried to bribe the witness in an attempt to influence the witness' grand jury testimony and cooperation with law enforcement.

In announcing the sentences, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the outstanding work of Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Robert Saunders, Dennis Myles and Donjuan

Monroe. He also praised the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Ditzler, who investigated and indicted the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Magdalena Acevedo and Anthony Saler, who prosecuted the case at trial.

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